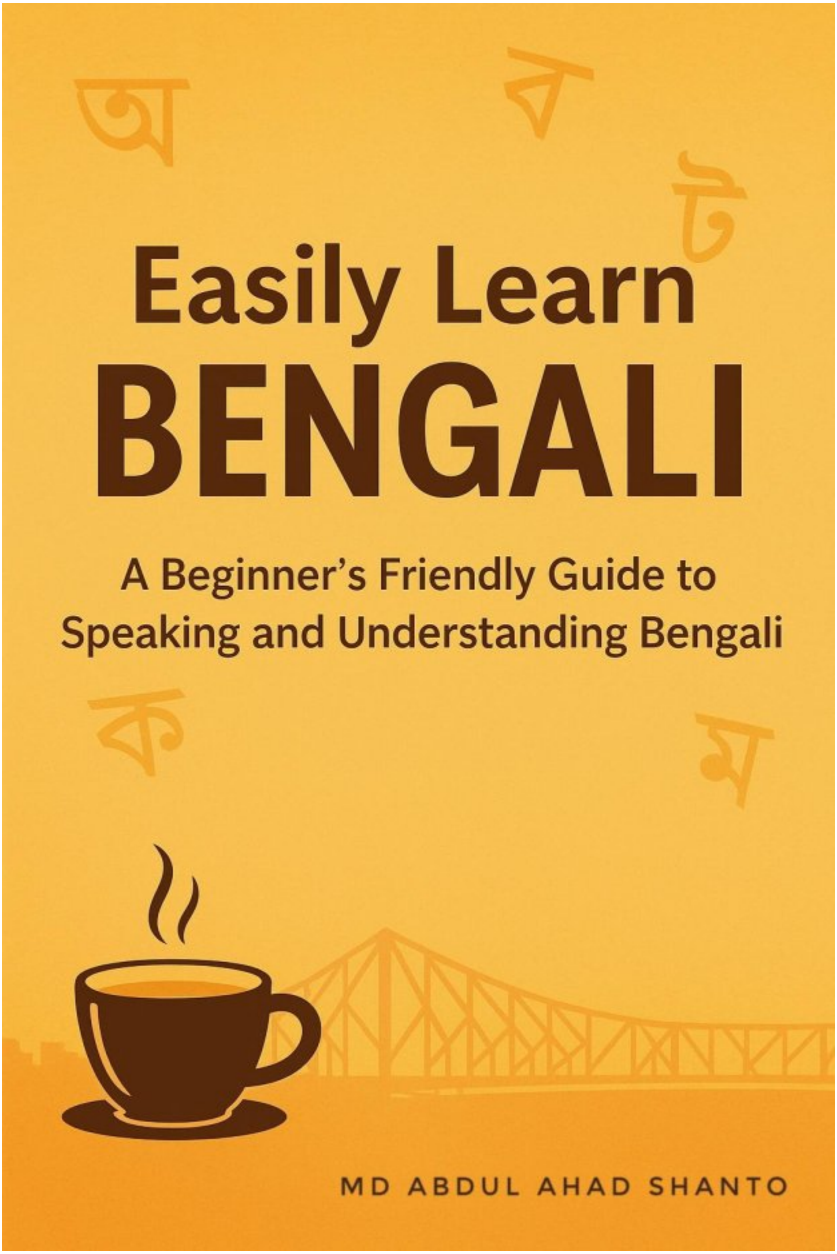
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Page 2 – The Bengali Script & Sounds (Easy Overview)

Don't worry—you don't need to master the Bengali script right away. Think of it like this: the Bengali alphabet is just a new set of symbols for sounds you already know.
There are 11 vowels and 39 consonants in Bengali. But as a beginner, what matters most is how the words sound.
☞ **Quick Tip**: Bengali is very phonetic—if you learn how each letter sounds, you can read almost any word.
Here are a few sounds to get started:
আ (aa) → like "a" in father
ই (i) → like "ee" in see
উ (u) → like "oo" in food
ক (ka) → like "k" in kite
ট (ṭa) → a harder "t," with the tongue curled back

➡ Don't stress if this feels new. You'll pick it up little by little. For now, just try saying these sounds out loud and notice the melody. Bengali is often described as a "sweet" language—once you start hearing it, you'll see why!

Page 3 – Greetings & Polite Expressions

Okay, let’s learn the magic words that open every conversation.

Hello → Nomoskar (নমস্কার)
Hi (informal) → Helo (হেলো)
How are you? → Kemon achen? (আপনি কেমন আছেন?)
I’m fine → Ami bhalo achi (আমি ভালো আছি)
Thank you → Dhonnobad (ধন্যবাদ)
Please → Doya kore (দয়া করে)
Sorry/Excuse me → Dukkito (দুঃখিত)

➡️ Notice something? Politeness matters a lot in Bengali. Adding do ya kore (please) makes your request sound much warmer.

👂 Practice Mini-Conversation:
Person A: assalamu alaikumr! Kemon achen? (Hello! How are you?)
Person B: Ami bhalo achi. Dhonnobad. (I’m fine. Thank you.)

That’s it—you just had your first Bengali exchange! 🎉

Page 4 – Introducing Yourself

One of the first things you'll want to do in any new language is say who you are. In Bengali, introductions are simple and friendly.

My name is... → Amar naam ... (আমার নাম ...)
What is your name? → Apnar naam ki? (আপনার নাম কী?)
I am from... → Ami ... theke eshechi (আমি ... থেকে এসেছি)
Nice to meet you → Apnar shonge dekha hoye bhalo laglo (আপনার সঙ্গে দেখা হয়ে ভালো লাগলো)

☞ **Mini Dialogue:**
Person A: Salam walekum! Amar naam John. Apnar naam ki?
(Hello! My name is John. What's your name?)
Person B: Amar naam Priya. Apnar shonge dekha hoye bhalo laglo.
(My name is Priya. Nice to meet you.)

💡 Tip: In Bengali, people often add a smile and a slight bow of the head when greeting—it's a sign of warmth and respect.

Page 5 – Numbers & Counting

Numbers are everywhere—whether you're shopping, telling your age, or bargaining at the market. Let's start with 1 to 10:

1. Ek (এক)
2. Dui (দুই)
3. Tin (তিন)
4. Char (চার)
5. Pach (পাঁচ)
6. Choy (ছয়)
7. Shat (সাত)
8. Aath (আট)
9. Noy (নয়)
10. Dosh (দশ)

☞ Everyday Examples:
Ami dui cha chai (আমি দুই চা চাই) → "I want two teas."

Amar boyosh pach boshor (আমার বয়স পাঁচ বছর) → “I am five years old.” (or you can replace with your real age 😉)
➡️ Once you know numbers, you’ll feel much more confident shopping or ordering food.

Page 6 – Talking About Family & Friends

Family is at the heart of Bengali culture. People often ask about your family as a way to connect warmly.

Here are some common words:

Mother → Ma (মা)

Father → Baba (বাবা)

Brother → Bhai (ভাই)

Sister → Bon (বোন)

Friend → Bondhu (বন্ধু)

👉 Useful Sentences:

Eta amar ma. (এটা আমার মা) → This is my mother.

Eta amar bhai. (এটা আমার ভাই) → This is my brother.

Tini amar bondhu. (তিনি আমার বন্ধু) → He/She is my friend.

💡 Note: In Bengali, respect is shown by how you address others. Using tini for "he/she" shows politeness, especially for elders.

Page 7 – Common Everyday Phrases

Now that you know greetings and numbers, let's learn some phrases you can actually use when traveling, eating, or moving around in Bengali-speaking areas.

At the Market / Shop

Eta koto? (এটা কত?) → How much is this?

Dami! (দামী) → Too expensive!

Kom den, doya kore. (কম দিন, দয়া করে) → Please reduce the price.

Ordering Food

Ami ek cup cha chai. (আমি এক কাপ চা চাই) → I want one cup of tea.

Machh ache? (মাছ আছে?) → Do you have fish?

Khawa khub moja. (খাওয়া খুব মজা) → The food is delicious.

Asking Directions

Shauchaloy kothay? (শৌচালয় কোথায়?) → Where is the toilet?

Bus kothay pabo? (বাস কোথায় পাবো?) → Where can I get the bus?

Amake sahajjo korun. (আমাকে সাহায্য করুন) → Please help me.

☞ Tip: Bengalis love when foreigners try—even a few words get smiles!

Page 8 – Basic Grammar (Made Super Simple)

Don't worry—this isn't a school grammar class. Just a few simple things will help you form sentences.

Word Order

In English, we say: Subject + Verb + Object

☞ Example: I eat rice.

In Bengali, it's: Subject + Object + Verb

☞ Example: Ami bhaat khai. (আমি ভাত খাই) → "I rice eat."

The Verb "To Be"

Achhe (আছে) → is/are (present)

Nei (নেই) → not there / doesn't exist

Examples:

Boi ache. (বই আছে) → The book is there.

Boi nei. (বই নেই) → The book isn't there.

Building Sentences

Start with:

Ami … chai. (I want …)

Ami … bhalobashi. (I love …)

Eta … ache. (This is …)

Examples:

Ami cha chai. (আমি চা চাই) → I want tea.

Ami Bangla bhalobashi. (আমি বাংলা ভালোবাসি) → I love Bengali.

Page 9 – Practice Dialogues (Mini Conversations)

Here's where it gets fun—you'll see how all the words and phrases come together.

Dialogue 1 – Greeting Someone

A: Nomoskar! Kemon achen?
(Hello! How are you?)
B: Ami bhalo achi. Dhonnobad. Apni?
(I'm fine, thank you. And you?)

Dialogue 2 – Ordering Tea

A: Ek cup cha den, doya kore.
(Please give one cup of tea.)
B: Dosh taka.
(Ten taka.)
A: Eta koto?
(How much is this?)
B: Dosh taka.
(Ten taka.)

Dialogue 3 – Meeting a Friend

A: Amar naam Sarah. Apnar naam ki?
(My name is Sarah. What is your name?)
B: Amar naam Arif. Apnar shonge dekha hoye bhalo laglo.
(My name is Arif. Nice to meet you.)

✓ **By now, My readers can have their first real mini-conversations in Bengali.**

Page 10 – Bengali Culture Through Language

When you learn Bengali, you're not just learning words—you're stepping into a culture that's deeply rooted in respect, warmth, and expression.

Respect Matters

In Bengali, you'll notice different forms of "you."

Apni (আপনি) → respectful "you" (used for elders, strangers, teachers)

Tumi (তুমি) → friendly "you" (used with friends, peers)

Tui (তুই) → very close/intimate "you" (used for siblings, best friends, or even teasing!)

☞ **Using the right form shows how much you value the relationship.**

Expressions with Heart

Bengali is full of beautiful expressions. For example:

Mon bhalo nei (মন ভালো নেই) → "My heart is not well," meaning "I feel sad."

Khub moja holo (খুব মজা হলো) → "It was so much fun!"

Language of Art

Bengali gave the world Rabindranath Tagore, the first Asian Nobel Prize winner in literature. Many Bengalis still recite poetry and sing traditional songs (Rabindra Sangeet) in daily life. Learning a few words of Bengali connects you to that world of poetry and song.

Page 11 – Tips for Learning Faster

Learning Bengali doesn't have to feel like schoolwork. Here are some easy, fun ways to speed up your learning:

1. Practice Daily, Even 5 Minutes

Repeat numbers while brushing your teeth or say greetings while cooking. Little bits add up fast!

2. Use Music & Movies

Bengali songs are catchy and full of everyday words. Try listening to classics like "Ei Raat Tomar Amar." Subtitled Bengali movies also help you pick up tone and rhythm.

3. Find a Practice Partner

If you know Bengali friends, practice greetings with them. Trust me—they'll be delighted!

4. Label Things Around You

Put sticky notes with Bengali words on items: Boi (book), Juto (shoes), Darja (door). This makes vocabulary natural.

5. Don't Fear Mistakes

Bengalis will love your effort, even if you mispronounce. Mistakes are part of the journey.

Page 12 – Common Mistakes Beginners Make

Everyone slips up in the beginning—here are the most common mistakes and how to avoid them:

1. Mixing “tumi” and “apni”

Beginners often use the wrong “you.” ☞ When in doubt, use apni—it’s always safe and polite.

2. Forgetting Word Order

Many new learners say: Ami khai bhaat.

Correct way: Ami bhaat khai. (I rice eat.)

3. Pronouncing “bh” like “*b*”

Bengali has soft sounds. Bhalo (ভালো, good) isn’t just balo. The little puff of “bh” matters.

4. Translating Directly from English

English: “I am hungry.”

Bengali: Amar khide peyechhe. (literally “My hunger has come.”)

☞ The structure feels different, but that’s the beauty of Bengali!

5. Rushing Vocabulary

Don’t try to learn 100 words in a day. Learn 5–10 and actually use them in sentences.

💡 Remember: Language learning is a marathon, not a sprint. Slow and steady works best.

Page 13 – Quick Review & Word Bank

Let's do a quick recap of the most useful words and phrases we've learned. Think of this as your "pocket dictionary" from the book.

Greetings

Hello → assalamu alaikum (আসসালামু আলাইকুম)
How are you? → Kemon achen? (আপনি কেমন আছেন?)
Thank you → Dhonnobad (ধন্যবাদ)
Please → Doya kore (দয়া করে)

Everyday Basics
Yes → Haan (হ্যাঁ)
No → Na (না)
Sorry → Dukkito (দুঃখিত)
Help → Sahajjo (সাহায্য)

Numbers (1–10)

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Family & Friends
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Brother → Bhai (ভাই)
Sister → Bon (বোন)
Friend → Bondhu (বন্ধু)

Handy Phrases
Amar naam ... → My name is ...
Apnar naam ki? → What is your name?
Eta koto? → How much is this?
Ami cha chai. → I want tea.
Apnar shonge dekha hoye bhalo laglo. → Nice to meet you.

Page 14 – Your Next Steps

Congratulations—you now know enough Bengali to greet someone, introduce yourself, order food, count, and even hold a short conversation! 🎉 That's a big deal.
Here's how you can keep building:

1. Practice with Real People – Even one sentence a day with a Bengali friend or online partner boosts confidence.

2. Read Simple Bengali Texts – Children's books are a great place to start because they use simple vocabulary.

3. Listen & Repeat – Songs, movies, podcasts—listen, repeat, and don't worry about perfection.

4. Set Small Goals – Instead of "I will be fluent," try "I will learn 5 new words this week."

💡 **Remember: Small, steady steps always beat cramming.**

Page 15 – Closing Note

Learning a language is like opening a new window to the world. With Bengali, that window lets you see the smiles of millions, share stories, and feel connected to a culture of warmth, poetry, and song.

By picking up this book, you've already taken the first step—and that's often the hardest part. Now you can greet, count, order tea, and make a friend in Bengali. That's more than enough to start amazing conversations.

So, keep practicing, stay curious, and most of all—have fun with Bengali. The more you enjoy it, the faster you'll learn.

As we say in Bengali:

☞ Shubho jatra! (শুভ যাত্রা) → "Happy journey!"

Your journey with Bengali has just begun, and I'm so excited for where it will take you. ✿

The End (সমাপ্ত)



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